

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

5 The invention relates to purification of (2S,3S)-3-
 [[(1S)-1-isobutoxymethyl-3-methylbutyl]carbamoyl]oxirane-
 2-carboxylic acid [hereinafter, referred to as the car-
 boxylic acid] using the salt of the carboxylic acid with
 an organic amine selected from the group consisting of
10 piperazine, adamantane amines and others. The invention
 also relates to providing crystalline sodium salt of the
 carboxylic acid. The sodium salt is usable as a material
 for preparing medicaments and improved in storage sta-
 bility, and has the following characteristics:

15 DSC: exothermic peak observed at a temperature in
 the range of 170 to 175°C with weight decrease; and
 characteristic absorption bands of infrared absorp-
 tion spectrum (KBr tablet): 3255, 2950, 2860, 1670, 1630,
 1550, 1460, 1435, 1395, 1365, 1310, 1260, 1110, 890 cm^{-1} .

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